

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help children
do well in school.*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Make a 31-link paper chain with your child. Tear off a link each day to count down the days until January 1.
- 2. Schedule some one-on-one time with your child this month.
- 3. Make a meal together. Explain why you do some steps before others.
- 4. Choose a number, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.
- 5. Make paper snowflakes with your child. Decorate your windows.
- 6. Make a TV-viewing schedule with your child this week. Limit screen time to two hours a day.
- 7. Have your child use the newspaper to check weather around the world. Where is it coldest?
- 8. Hug your child—just because you love him.
- 9. Have your child teach you something she needs to learn. It's a great way to reinforce learning.
- 10. Trace your child's body on a big piece of paper. Then have him research and draw his insides!
- 11. Give everyone in the family a flashlight and read in bed tonight.
- 12. Take your child out for breakfast, or make it together this morning.
- 13. Visit the library. Check out a book about holidays around the world.
- 14. Talk with your child about the very best present she ever received. What made it special?
- 15. Take a walk with your child. Which trees are evergreen? Which ones are *deciduous* (lose their leaves in winter)?
- 16. When you're in the car, have your child estimate how far it is to your destination. Check using the odometer.



- 17. Set aside some time this month to do something together that you enjoyed when you were a child.
- 18. Play a game of Concentration together using math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9×2 , $15 + 3$) make a pair.
- 19. Look in the TV listings for programs about history and historical figures. Select one to watch with your child.
- 20. Set aside time today to work on a project with your child. Choose something he might give as a gift.
- 21. Talk with your child about rights and responsibilities.
- 22. Have your child make a list of things to do when there's nothing to do.
- 23. Make a list of your child's achievements. Post it where she can see it.
- 24. Think of something nice your child can do for an older person.
- 25. Have a read-aloud evening. Everyone shares a favorite story or poem.
- 26. Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.
- 27. Watch TV with your child. Ask questions: "Was that a good idea?" "What would you do?"
- 28. Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight.
- 29. Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle shapes.
- 30. Have your child draw a picture of what December means to him.
- 31. Help your child create a time line of 2015.

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